



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency



Jan 7	Nevada Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Meeting	Sparks, NV	Nancy Sockabasin, (415) 972-3772 or sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov
Feb 3-4	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Carlos, AZ	Tina Davis, 415-972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov

Sponsor: Climate Solutions

Jan 25-27	Harvesting Clean Energy	Billings, MT	http://www.harvestcleanenergy.org/conference/index.html
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Trainings and Workshops



Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Feb 24-27	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	See information below
Mar 23-27	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 25-27	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 23-24	Ground Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development	San Diego, CA	See information below
Mar 30-31	The Complete Surface Water & Sediment Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA	See information below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center (NETC)

Jan 29-30	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Writing the Perfect EA/FONSI or EIS	Oakland, CA	206-762-1976 or www.nwetc.org
Jan 21-23	Introduction to ArcGIS 9 and Environmental Applications of GIS	San Francisco, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/gis-403_01-09_sanfrancisco.htm

Registration: \$495 (*\$395 reduced tuition is available for Native American tribes; government employees; nonprofits; students; and NAEP, NEBC, NWAEP members). You may register via the links at the top or by calling the Northwest Environmental Training Center at 206-762-1976.

Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Jan 20-22	Source Reduction Strategies for Tribes	San Diego, CA	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or www.nau.edu/itep
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ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2009 training catalog that includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov



Sponsor: Arizona Cooperative Extension's Community Resource Development Program

Jan 25-29	41st Annual Arizona Economic Development Course	Tucson, AZ	BobMcNichols@RezBuildrs.com
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Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)

From December 1 to January 31, EPA is accepting requests for grants to supplement State and Tribal Response Programs. This notice provides guidance on eligibility for funding, use of funding, grant mechanisms and process for awarding funding, the allocation of system for distribution of funding, and terms and reports under these grants. EPA has consulted with state and tribal officials in developing this guidance. EPA will consider funding requests up to a maximum of \$1.5 million per state or tribe. Subject to the availability of funds, EPA regional personnel will be available to provide technical assistance to states and tribes as they apply for and carry out these grants. For more information contact <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Website at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, contact [Jessica Counts-Arnold](#) at EPA or 415-972-3288.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)



Habitat and Native Plant Enhancement Grants

Those interested in establishing or improving wildlife habitat on farm or ranchland are invited to apply for help through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The deadline for grant submittals for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is Friday, January 23. The WHIP program is a competitive conservation program reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. All program applicants must submit project proposals which will be ranked according to environmental benefits to wildlife. The ranking criteria as well as eligibility and application procedures are available at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/ or by contacting Anita Brown, (530) 792-5644 or Alan Forkey, (530) 792-5653. The WHIP program provides 75% of the cost of approved practices undertaken to benefit wildlife. While the purpose of the program remains enhancing wildlife habitat on private or Tribal land, eligibility is now limited to private agricultural landowners.

Sponsor: USDA Rural Development:

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Other Available Grants



Western and Territorial Water Optimization

The Department of Interior (DOI) requests proposals for Water for America: Expand, Protect, and Conserve Our Nation's Water Resources System Optimization Reviews Grant. The Water for America Initiative focuses on 21st century water challenges, including decreasing water supplies caused by climate change and population growth, and securing water resources for future generations. This RFP will support the development action plans for the Western U. S. and Territories that have significant potential to improve water management. \$3 million is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 28. For more information, contact Randale Jackson at rjackson@do.usbr.gov or go to:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43263>



Western and Territorial Water Marketing and Efficiency

DOI requests proposals for Water for America: Expand Protect, and Conserve Our Nation's Water Resources Water Marketing and Efficiency Grants. This RFP will support projects for Western U. S. and Territories that create water markets and make more efficient use of existing water supplies. \$10 million is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 14. For more information, contact Randale Jackson at rjackson@do.usbr.gov or go to:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=43136>.



Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program for Native Americans and Alaska Natives

The [Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program](#) is a mortgage product specifically for American Indian and Alaska Native families, tribes, Alaska Villages or tribally designated housing entities. Congress established this program in 1992 to facilitate homeownership in Native American communities. With Section 184 financing a tribe can get into a home with a low down payment, no mortgage insurance and flexible underwriting. For more information go to the following Web site:

www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/homeownership/184



Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty (TCA) Event Grant Program

This grant program provides funding to local governments, as well as California Indian Tribes, for the cost of cleanup, abatement, or other remedial actions related to the disposal of waste tires collected at cleanup projects and amnesty events. Application materials for TCA's Fourth Cycle fiscal year 2008/09 are now available. The application deadline is January 9, 2009. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/Cleanup/#General#General>

Economic Development

The U.S. Department of Commerce requests proposals for Economic Development Assistance Grants in the following program areas: Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Proposals accepted through September 30, 2009. For more information, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42952>.

Middle School Sustainability Challenge

The Siemens Foundation invites middle school students to participate in the We Can Change the World Challenge. Through this national sustainability educational initiative, students are challenged to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements in their local communities. Awards include, but are not limited to, Savings Bonds, TV appearances, cameras, and travel. Responses are due on March 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.wecanchange.com/about-challenge/challenge-description/>

Projects on Tribal Lands

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy installations, and have demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands. To learn more about the Tribal Energy Program, or for additional information about a particular project, contact the [DOE project officer](#) or go to: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm> .

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to “Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection”. Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB’s web page. http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: http://www.calwater.ca.gov/science/psp/psp_package_2009.html or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (CTHSGP)

CTHSGP is supported by a tribal association of 46 tribes throughout California. The proposed program is designed to promote the capacity of eligible tribes throughout California to address the three objectives of the program.

1. Measuring progress in achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines.
2. Strengthening improvised explosive device attack deterrence, prevention, detection and protection capabilities.
3. Strengthening preparedness planning.

The program implementation will be represented by the Inter-Tribal Council of California (ITCC). This network will provide the initial communications matrix for information dissemination and the eventual completion of a communication system designed specifically to maintain the intent of the CTHSGP. For more information, please contact Denise M. Banker, 916-826-6927 or denise.banker@ohs.ca.gov

California's Changing Climate

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to: http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf

California's Water: A Legislative Analysis Office Primer

California's water delivery system is facing a series of challenges due in part to a combination of increasingly variable weather conditions, legal requirements, and system operation and conveyance constraints. These challenges affect water availability, reliability, and delivery. Recent public and private efforts have sought ways to address these challenges. These measures include proposals to increase water through groundwater storage, surface storage, infrastructure changes, and system operation improvements, among others. This report provides, through a "quick reference" document relying heavily on charts to present information, a snapshot of water in California. For more information, go to: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/rsr/water_primer/water_primer_102208.aspx

The main components of this report are:

- Overview of California's Water Governance.
- Water Supply, Source, and Delivery. Demand and Use of Water.
- How Do We Finance Water Projects?
- What Drives the Cost of Water?
- Issues for Legislative Consideration

Nominations for the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC).

The NTWC will add three new Council members (one is a replacement for a member who left Tribal employment). The Council will add a water professional from Alaska, and two additional members with expertise in one or more of the following areas: mining impacts on water; groundwater issues; hydropower impacts on water quality, and water quality threats to Native health. If you would like to know more about the National Tribal Water Council, please visit their Web site:

www.nationalwatercouncil.org.

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at www.NativeWorkplace.com. For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com

Link to Tribal Training Web site

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs.

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, and construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-related community or business projects. For more information or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, 206-267-2215 or leslie@nwseed.org

Emergency Preparedness

A press release was issued on September 16 on EPA's emergency preparedness audio files available for download on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/disaster/> The files address environmental challenges that commonly arise in a disaster such as addressing gas leaks, safely returning home, and purifying contaminated drinking water supplies.

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, have been published and is available online at: <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675.

NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new Web site is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities

Native American Congressional Internships

The Native American Congressional Internship Program provides Native Americans and Alaska Natives with an inside view of the federal government. This ten-week internship in Washington, D.C., places students in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making process first-hand. In 2009, the Foundation expects to award 12 Internships on the basis of merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who:

- * Are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or a graduate or a law student
- * Have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy such as tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, cultural preservation and revitalization, and Native American economic development.

For more information go to: <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/NACInternship/NACInternship.aspx>

Principals for Student Success (PSS)

Penn State's College of Education has received funding in excess of \$960,000 to offer new graduate fellowships to American Indian and Alaska Native students who are interested in becoming school principals. This program allows participants to earn a master's degree in Educational Leadership with a "principalship" certification. The primary purpose is to prepare American Indian and Alaska Natives, over a four-year period, to be effective school principals in schools that serve significant numbers of Indian students. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2009 semester. The fellowships include a monthly stipend of \$1,675, as well as allowances for dependency support, tuition, textbooks, relocation, and health insurance. For more information, contact Dr. John Tippeconnic, American Indian Leadership Program, Suite 300 Rackley Building, University Park, Pa. 16802 phone 814-863-1626; e-mail jwt7@psu.edu or Dr. Susan Faircloth at 814-863-3775; e-mail scf2@psu.edu. Also go to <http://www.nativephilanthropy.org/news.html>

Water Quality Standards Specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon NV

Performs highly responsible management duties, planning and administration of the Water Quality Standards program. Assists the Environmental Director in management duties, planning, administration of the Water Quality Standards & 401 Certification programs and activities. Performs specific objectives and workplan activities under established environmental grants. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$34,448.80 - 36,296.00 per annum DOE (plus 6% COLA), EXEMPT. This position closes at 4:30PM, January 9, 2009. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775-574-1000 or the website: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>

Environmental Database specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon, NV

Performs highly technical and administrative duties in the planning, development and management of databases and website of the Environmental program. Takes the lead role in data management, data

quality assurance/quality control, data entry, and statistical analysis to be used for overall watershed planning and environmental documents. Requires experience and understanding in many programming languages, including but not limited to SQL, HTML, and XML. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$32,905.60 - 34,569.60 per annum DOE (plus 6% COLA), EXEMPT. This position is opened until filled. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at (775) 574-1000 or the website: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>

Environmental Water Coordinator

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for water quality regulatory compliance. This position does not have supervisory responsibilities. Employees working the Casino or Bowling Center may be exposed to second-hand smoke and moderate levels of noise. To get more information on job requirements, education and/or experience, please email Jeanne Jussila at jeannejussila@gmail.com

Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to www.ak-chin.nsn.us or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to <http://www.nndpm.navajo.org/home.htm> or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Tribal outreach, review and comment

Comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

The FWS will be seeking public comments on the Request for Proposals, the proposal scoring criteria and scoring process that will improve the solicitation and selection of proposals, and the implementation and management of the Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) program. TWGs are used to provide technical and financial assistance to Tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. TWG funds may also be used for salaries, equipment, consultant services, subcontracts, acquisitions, land leases, and travel. The formal request for comments for TWG programs was published in the Federal Register, December 1, 2008. After the publication in the FR, all interested parties have until March 1, 2009 to submit their comments. Comments and requests for information should be sent to Patrick Durham, Native American Liaison,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 330, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703-358-1728, or e-mail to TWG_COMMENT@FWS.GOV

Nominees Sought for Environmental Youth Awards

Since 1971, EPA has sponsored the President's Environmental Youth Awards. The program recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Young people in all 50 states and the U.S. territories are invited to participate in this program.

<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=16&newsID=85841>

Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning and Using Lead Safe Work Practices

Although lead-based paint was banned by the Federal Government 30 years ago, homes and child-occupied facilities built before then may contain lead-based paint and potential lead hazards. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and lead chips by disturbing lead-based paint, harming both children and adults. On March 31, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices (79 pp, 847K) and related actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under this new EPA rule, beginning in April 2010, commercial contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. EPA has a new brochure with lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools. *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* (PDF) (20 pp, 3.3MB). Additionally, EPA recently issued program authorization guidance detailing how Tribes can apply for program implementation of the new regulatory requirement. This guidance document has been developed to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes seeking authorization of Lead-Based Paint Renovation Programs pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 745, Subpart E and Section 404 of the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For information, contact Dave Tomsovic, US EPA Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP-OnlineTribalUserGuide.pdf>

http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

www.energysavers.gov

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>